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CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM

Dear _____,

The Agency's records indicate that you have been contacted by representatives of the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) in conjunction with the Committee's investigation into the deaths of President John F. Kennedy and the Rev. Martin Luther King.

As part of the Agency's effort to be fully responsive to the Committee's investigation, you were authorized to disclose classified information to Committee representatives. This was possible because of arrangements worked out between the Agency and the Committee whereby the Committee would obtain this information in secure surroundings and handle it properly once it was acquired.

The Committee has indicated that it plans to hold public hearings in conjunction with its investigation. These hearings are to commence this month and stretch over the next several months. The Agency, of course, has no way of knowing whether you will be called to appear during these public hearings.

You are hereby advised that the Agency's agreement with the Committee under which you have been authorized to disclose classified information to Committee representatives does not extend to public circumstances. Consequently, you are not authorized to disclose classified information during any public hearing in which you may be called to appear.

If you are called to appear in these hearings, and if you are asked a question which would require that you disclose classified information, you are entitled to point out to the Committee that you have already provided classified testimony to the Committee, under agreements with the Agency for protecting such material. You are also entitled to point out, if your response would involve classified information, that this should not be revealed in public circumstances. You should also indicate to the Committee that you are quite prepared to answer the question in an executive session, and you may request that the Committee convene such a session to hear your response.

(If the Committee insists —?)

If you have any questions concerning this letter, I suggest that you notify the Agency's security duty officer by collect telephone call. The duty officer can be reached at (703) 351-6161 at any time day or night. The duty officer will arrange for an appropriate Agency officer to return your call.

Yours truly,